

Alexander Doris
Mansion Farm
4 Miles S. of New Castle
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Alexander Porter MANSION FARM

South of New Castle, New Castle County, Delaware

Owner: Mrs. Janet Graff, Annapolis, MarylandDate of Erection: 1750, as given on Southeast Gable.Builder: Colonel Alexander PorterPresent Condition: Well kept.Number of Stories: Two and one half with cellar and stone foundations in front; two stories in rear of L shape planMaterials of Construction: Brick laid in Flemish Bond on front above first floor line, Southeast side and Northeast second story. The rear service building indicates an original building and later additions apparently before the main front structure. The sash in front of house is modern.Other Existing Records: Scharf's History of Delaware; Offices of Recorder of Deeds and Register of Wills of New Castle County.Additional Data: This is an interesting house both inside and out. Permission to photograph the interior was denied by the present tenant. There is remarkably good paneling and other interior finish well worth recording. The pent eaves, decorative date and initials on gable end are worthy of note. The arched basement windows, coved cornice and pent eaves are suggestions of early workmanship. The projection of brickwork an inch or more beyond the stone foundation is interesting.Laussat R. Rogers

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